



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



Thank You Liz Ruiz!

For three decades, Liz has served as emcee for several Parks and Recreation Department Programs, including talent shows and sporting events. But she is best known for hosting and singing during multiple BRAVO! An Evening of Song and Dance performances held each summer in July. Liz has been a continuous supporter of the department since 1981 when she began her career as a radio newscaster at KTSA/KTFM. Over the years she has worked diligently to promote the Parks and Recreation Department's programs through her radio show, in addition to her personal appearances at a variety of events. She has been a dedicated volunteer and ambassador for the Parks and Recreation Department throughout her tenure. The Department wants to publicly thank Liz for her contributions and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Liz is currently the morning radio news anchor on News/Talk 550 KTSA AM and 107.1 FM. She also hosts a program titled "On the Scene" for Catholic Television of San Antonio that airs on Time Warner Channel 15. She's an award-winning journalist who has covered the police beat, city hall and the courthouse.



Volunteer Highlights

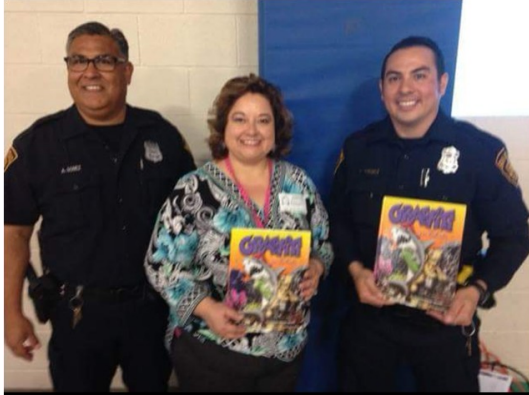


ACS Hosts Animal Allies Summer Camp

From July 6-10, Animal Care Services held their 6th annual Animal Allies Summer Camp. Fourteen kids, ages 10-15, participated in this year's camp. The campers are paired up and assigned a foster dog that they are responsible for training every day. They also learned about clicker training cats, the importance of spaying and neutering and responsible pet ownership, and respect for Texas wildlife. They got to get up close and personal with a flamingo and a macaw from SeaWorld, a bald eagle, some hawks and several owls from Last Chance Forever birds of prey rescue and they learned all about bats from Bat Conservation International. All of the campers got to shadow an ACS employee in different departments on campus to learn what it's really like to work here and they even got to see a sterilization surgery being performed in our clinic. On the last day of camp, the campers put on a dog show for their family, friends and ACS staff. It was amazing how much they taught these 7 dogs in just 5 days.

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

Development Services Department—Graffiti Abatement



In 2005, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush established October as National Code Compliance Month, in acknowledgement of the importance and impact that Code Enforcement has on its communities. In an effort to continue this momentum, Code Compliance, along with law enforcement officers, will be reading the book, *Graffiti in Tahiti*, to over 6,000 elementary school aged youth throughout San Antonio. These officers are volunteering their time, in addition to their regular job duties, to teach the students about community stewardship and the harmful effects of graffiti vandalism. Officers Gomez and Soldevila, along with Norma Silva Cantu, recently did a presentation for Collins Garden Elementary. According to the school counselor, “the presentation went very well and was very informa-

tive. The students were happy to see them.”

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed at Luminaria October 23rd and October 24th

Luminaria is San Antonio’s annual contemporary art celebration featuring artists and performers representing every major discipline in the arts from dance, theater, poetry readings, and music to painting, sculpture, film, and multi-arts projects.

Luminaria is San Antonio's annual night festival of art and artists. It is free of charge and showcases all art forms including Visual, Music, Theatre and Performance, Literary, Media, and Dance.

During this two-day festival, volunteer opportunities include: Information Ambassador Team and Artistic Support. Volunteers will receive a free tshirt and parking to attend this event.

To sign up for this event, please visit the Luminaria website at luminariasa.org and click on “get involved.”



City of San Antonio needs volunteers for the EastPoint Shine Paint-A-Thon!

Saturday November 7, 2015 from 8am-12pm

EastPoint Shine Paint-A-Thon is a unique community partnership designed to paint the exterior of homes located in a selected area of eastside San Antonio. Eligible houses are owned and occupied by persons with limited financial resources, who are at least 60 years of age or have a permanent disability, making them unable to do the work themselves.

The Paint-A-Thon is a great opportunity for volunteer groups to work as a team. Friends and family member of groups are invited to participate as well. The more volunteers we have, the more houses we can paint! Each house will need of group of 12-15 volunteers. All Paint-A-Thon volunteers must be at least 14 years of age.

For more information, or to sign up for this event, please contact Melissa Escamilla at Melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov